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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur on Follow-up on Concluding Observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), I have the honour to refer to the examination of the second periodic report of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, at the Committee's forty-third session, held in January-February 2009. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/LBY/CO/5) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 50 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 20 and 38 of the concluding observations, namely:

“20. The Committee encourages the State party to enact specific legislation for the adoption of temporary special measures in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1, of the Convention and the Committee's general recommendation No. 25 in order to accelerate the realization of women's de facto equality with men in areas where women are underrepresented or in disadvantaged situations. The Committee recommends that the State party take measures to raise public awareness about the importance of temporary special measures in accelerating the process of achievement of gender equality.”

“38. The Committee calls upon the State party to take steps to eliminate the practice of male guardianship over women both de jure and de facto, including through the design and implementation of awareness-raising campaigns. It encourages the State party to engage in a social dialogue on the concept of male guardianship and how it affects the application of the Convention in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya with a view to eliminating this practice.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 2011, it has not been received to date. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government's response on the matters, and as to when the information requested will be forthcoming.

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The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder. Please send a Word electronic version of the information to the Secretariat of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women by email to [cedaw@ohchr.org](mailto:cedaw@ohchr.org).

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Bailey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

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